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SUBJ: GOB UNABLE TO ADHERE TO PROPOSED DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 210675 AND BRASILIA 7294

1. I WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY SILVEIRA AT
7:00 P.M.

2. AFTER TELLING ME THAT, AS HE HAD PROMISED ME HE WOULD,
HE HAD TALKED WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL AND VICE PRESIDENT
ADALBERTO, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT BRAZIL COULD NOT
SIGN THE PROPOSED DECLARATION. THE MAIN POINT, HE
CONTINUED, WAS THAT THE GOB DID NOT KNOW THE TEXTS OF
THE TREATIES AND THEREFORE COULD NOT ENDORSE THEM AS THE
DRAFT DECLARATION PROPOSED.

3. SILVEIRA STATED THAT THERE WERE SECONDARY PROBLEMS.
IN THIS CATEGORY, HE CITED THE REPETITION IN THE TEXT OF
THE VAGUE EXPRESSION "ARRANGEMENTS" AND THE USE OF THE TERM
"EVERY STATE" AT THE END OF THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH
BEGINNING WITH "NOTING". HE COMMENTED THAT THE
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SENTIMENT EXPRESSED WAS UNDOUBTEDLY RELEVANT TO PANAMA
AND THE US, BUT TO SAY THAT THE EFFECT EXTENDED TO
"EVERY STATE" WAS VERY BROAD AND SWEEPING. HE SAID THAT
THERE WERE OTHER "THINGS LIKE THAT" THAT WOULD HAVE TO
BE STUDIED.

4. SEVERAL TIMES SILVEIRA DECLARED THAT, OF COURSE,

THE GOB WAS "VERY HAPPY" THAT THE TREATIES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND THAT BRAZIL WAS "IN FAVOR OF THEM".

5. SAYING THAT I THOUGHT THAT THE GOB ANSWER WOULD BE A DISAPPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON, I OBSERVED THAT, ALTHOUGH I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FULL TEXTS WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE, A DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATIES HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO ITAMARATY IN THE FORM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACT SHEET AND OTHER MAJOR STATEMENTS. SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM THIS AFTERNOON AFTER MY DELIVERY OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION. I NOTED THAT THE FACT SHEET AND OTHER KEY DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN HANDED TO ITAMARATY TWO WEEKS AGO. I ALSO REMARKED THAT I WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT THE FACT THAT THE DRAFT OF THE POSSIBLE DECLARATION HAD BEEN A JOINT PRODUCT OF THE PANAMANIAN AND US GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF JUDGMENT FOR THE GOB.

6. THE MEETING, WHICH WAS BUSINESSLIKE BUT CORDIAL, ENDED WITH A REPETITION BY SILVEIRA OF THE GOB'S NOT BEING IN A POSITION TO ENDORSE THE TREATIES WITHOUT KNOWING THEIR TEXTS AND A STATEMENT BY ME THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT HIS POSITION FULLY AND FAITHFULLY.
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